

BIOC GENERAL MEETING

October 4, 1971

Minutes of the BIOC General Membership Meeting held on Monday, October 4, 1971, at Vail Hall, N.J. Bell Telephone Co., 540 Broad Street, Newark, N.J.

ATTENDEES

- Richard Bregstein
- J. H. Lozowick
- John A. Griffith
- Stanley E. Terrell
- *Ralph T. Geller
- K. Mariman
- Durecin Wille
- Christopher Hillman
- *Charles W. Breese
- Arthur J. Cohen
- *Gustav Henningburg
- Rev. Joseph Stulb
- Rev. S. J. Miller
- W. G. Kosky
- R. Bingham
- *William Wilson
- J. Cassidy
- F.J. Frerichs
- *J. Mayers
- *H.F. Johnston
- G.J. VanBurk
- Dick Edwards
- Dora Mark
- *Henry Boardman
- *Julius Kazin
- *Marie Gonzalez
- *Edwin Bess
- Horace Hunt
- *K. Donaldson
- Ted Jackson
- Audie Carter
- *Robert Wilson Jr.
- *Marilyn Brown
- C. Roger O'Connor
- Ralph L. Stephen
- Alfred Tyson
- Ellen Rosner
- Clem Price
- Herb Geinitz
- *D. H. Barrett
- *Alexander Mark
- Herbert Shivers
- *Robert T. Neff
- *Richard Proctor - Co-Chairman
- Leslie Rupprecht
- *M.B. Wilcox
- *Joseph Partenheimer
- *Barbara Parker
- *Roland E. Stewart - Exec. Dir.
- *Marshall Wolf - Co-Chairman
- Sgt. S Teruimel
- Lawrence Belcson
- Frank G. Gibin Jr.
- *Eugene Campbell
- College of Medicine & Dentistry of N.J.
- Western Electric - Newark
- Public Service Electric & Gas
- Newark Star Ledger
- N.J. State Employment Service
- Essex County Freeholder Director
- Newark Teachers Union
- New Well Drug Abuse
- College of Medicine & Dentistry of N.J.
- BIOC
- Greater Newark Urban Coalition
- Blessed Sacrament Church
- Montclair
- RCA Corporation
- United Community Corp.
- N.J. Bell Telephone Co.
- N.J. Bell Telephone Co.
- Firemans Fund
- Mayers Industrial Litho
- Prudential
- N.J. State Employment Service
- N.Y. Amsterdam News
- Community
- Western Electric - Kearny
- Youth Opportunity Corp.
- N. H. R. C.
- Bambergers
- MEM
- Mutual Benefit Life Insurance
- CDA
- CDA
- YM-YWCA
- Bamberger's
- Rutgers University
- M.U.M.M.
- College of Medicine & Dentistry of N.J.
- BIOC
- Rutgers University
- Norris Industries
- United Community Corp.
- Department of Defense
- N.J.H.F.A.
- U.S. Savings Bank
- BIOC - Model Cities
- Newark Public Library
- Westinghouse
- BIOC
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- BIOC - National Newark & Essex Bank
- Essex County Correction Center
- Lucus Tucker Company
- Presbytery of Newark
- BIOC

Meeting was called to order by co-chairman Marshall Wolf, with self introduction of all present. Mr. Wolf called on Mr. Stewart to give an Executive Director's report.

Mr. Wolf informed the membership of the resignation of George Birmingham, as BIOC treasurer, and announced Mr. Joseph Denshan as his replacement.

Hank Boardman gave a brief report on the education committee, reporting that the Industrial Arts Curriculum Project had been extended to all schools. He invited

Mr. Wolf introduced Mr. David Barrett, President of United Community Corporation. Mr. Barrett told the membership his appearance at this BICC meeting was in reaction to reports he had received about dialogue concerning UCC at BICC's last Executive Meeting.

The President said his appearance was not to defend himself, but to tell the businessmen in person who are concerned about the anti-poverty agency that they should take the initiative in obtaining information and answers as to what takes place at UCC. He noted he was somewhat irritated that some BICC members had expressed apprehensions about his agency. Mr. Barrett said at present UCC is in the process of training some 40 youths between 16 and 25 in the area of television arts. The project will focus on video tapes. The pilot communications project will run for 17 weeks, and UCC has acquired the cooperation of channel 13 and channel 47. Mr. Barrett said he hopes by January of 1972 to be putting on one hour TV programs at least one a week on channel 47. In this project 75% to 80% hired will be Black or Puerto Rican.

Mr. Barrett told the members since his election last year UCC has been in the process of establishing creative and innovative programs for the poor community. The agency has a younger board of trustees, who have a strong pioneering spirit, there are 45 members on the UCC board, all have set a different kind of spirit, and a new consciousness. The President was asked where does he get money for the UCC budget. He replied from CEO, which was created in 1964, and from FEM. All UCC programs are operated under CEO, and FEM operates pre-school. When asked about UCC area boards and how effective they were, Mr. Barrett replied, "Actually the area board functions are the same as in 1969." "CEO has no money to give these area boards and they have to raise their own money." "Area Board #1 is an exception. It has been made into a model for other boards. Its objective is to create sentiment among people for whom the board serves."

Every other Tuesday Area Board #1 holds criteria classes. Noteworthy Black personalities are presented. Black history and religion are also presented to raise the general consciousness of people in the area. Mr. Barrett was asked what BICC runs directly. He answered; area boards, QUT, Blazer Catering Service, Automotive Training Unit, Hillery School, Pold Neighborhood House and others. The UCC president said his budget for next year has not been determined yet. UCC has to demonstrate experimental and innovative programs, and imagination is their only limit. The question of CEO restrictions was raised, and Mr. Barrett said there were none. Each agency is to have its own handbook, and there are no guidelines that he knows of.

The speakers were thanked by Mr. Wolf for their presentations, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Parker

members to visit classes at Webster or West Kinney Jr. Highs at anytime. Mr. Boardman announced a rocket launching event to be held on October 27, 1971, 12:00 noon at the Newark Schools Stadium and hoped all would attend.

Jules Lozowick reported on the BICC Task Force's Affirmative Action Program. He informed the members that he had compiled EEO data on the 10 companies visited by the Task Force, and the Force was scheduled to visit 3 other companies. Mr. Lozowick said he was quite pleased with the progress of his committee.

Mr. Roland Stewart in his Executive Director's report, told of the enlarging of BICC quarters, a new and additional location to be secured at 36 Branford Place, which will house BICC's employment and training segments. Mr. Stewart said BICC at 46 Branford Place was overcrowded in its present 900 sq. ft., and additional room to expand was needed. He explained a laundry list that had been sent out to many companies requesting different articles needed to equip the new quarters, and had hopes of being donated these articles. Mr. Stewart said he had already received many promises and things were at the beginning stage of being acquired.

Mr. Stewart then informed the audience of a non-cooperative Newark Bank which had done nothing for 2 Black entrepreneurs. It was reported the bank felt the 2 Black entrepreneurs were not cooperative and their aims and objectives were too high. It was also reported from the Black entrepreneurs that their requests for loans and opportunities were denied. Coincidentally, the bank is the landlord of the two entrepreneurs.

The Executive Director reported on a letter re: Stadium Complex which had been sent out to all member companies giving information in form of a fact sheet, a letter to Gov. Cahill concerning affirmative action in construction of the complex, and a magazine article on the stadium. Mr. Stewart said there should be some or more concern on the stadium's construction since it will be the center of a new New Jersey. He said he had heard nothing from the Governor or anybody in reference to the stadium.

Mr. Wolf announced guest speaker Dick Edwards, reporter for the New York Amsterdam News, who covered the Attica uprising.

Mr. Edwards in covering the rebellion said the shootings were unnecessary, and the institution itself was de-humanizing. He reported the shooting and killing of the inmates and guards by the National Guards and State Troopers was unwarranted, because the inmates had no weapons and eas could have immobilized them seconds after being dropped into the cellblock.

Mr. Edwards said he slept in the rain, cold, and in a tent outside the prison while covering the Attica story. He also said the city of Attica was hostile toward outsiders, especially Black ones, and he had encountered vile words and name calling. The reporter said Rockefeller's decision to storm the prison was made with the knowledge that hostages would be killed in the process. He knew hostages would be killed in getting to the prisoners, and in this case they were expendable. Among his observations Mr. Edwards said many of the guards had their fingers itching on the trigger of their guns. They knew they were going to have to storm the prison, and couldn't wait to carry out their orders.

The reporter said he had spoken with one of the hostages who had expressed the desire for the Governor to come to the prison if only to let the prisoners and himself know he cared. He said the hostage exclaimed, if he doesn't come and I die, my blood will be on his hands. The guard a father of eight was one of the hostages killed when the prison was stormed. Mr. Edwards said the situation could have been handled differently, but contended Rockefeller was under pressure from the "hard right" to storm the prison and regain control. He said another factor was also time, if the mediators had been given more time, things might have been different.

During the question and answer period, Mr. Edwards was asked, How adequate are the Attica reports in the New York Times. Mr. Edwards said, "An article that has been written by Tom Wicker you can believe it. If it's written he said by somebody else don't believe it." When asked, "Was a guard thrown from one of the windows," he answered, "It was utterly impossible." "All windows are barred and small in dimension." In the final analysis Mr. Edwards said, "If the mediators had been given more time in talking to the prisoners Attica Rebellion might have been avoided."